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COUNTRY Czechoslovakia REPORT

TOPIC 1. Artillery Unit in Strasice and Military Installations in Horsovsy Tyn
2. Reservists Exercise with an Artillery Unit in Pisek
3. Soviet Military Mission in Prague

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REMARKS

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The unit included a total of 33 reservists who were quartered and trained in the barrack camp on the southeastern perimeter of the town, apart from the other troops. The reserve battery whose training was directed by Junior Lieutenant Kudlacek (fnu) belonged to the "Jaselsky" regiment (Jaselsky pluk). No detailed information on this regiment was available. The reservists were trained exclusively in the area of the installation. After a short period of basic training, they were trained with four Soviet-made 152-mm guns which were towed by caterpillar tractors and were mounted on four-wheeled gun carriages. The reservists once participated as lookers-on in a record firing practice of the active troops which was held in the area 9 or 10 kilometers southeast of the reservists' billets. Beside technical training, a 1-hour lesson of political indoctrination was scheduled to be held every night, but was frequently cancelled. For the entire period of this exercise which lasted from 28 July to 18 August 1954 a payment of KCs 52.00. 1

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2. Prior to early March 1955, two barracks installations were known in Horsovsy Tyn. The one installation was located on the southern perimeter of the city, about 600 meters southeast of the railroad station on the Domazlice (N 50/P 70) highway. The other installation was located about 300 meters north of the railroad station. In late 1954, the recruiting district headquarters (OVV) was commanded by Major Vesely (fnu). 2

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4. [redacted] at the embassies of various western countries in Prague it was known that the Soviet military mission was located on Spanelska ul. beside the corner building of the Na Smetance highschool in Prague-Vinohrady Borough.⁴

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1. [redacted] Comment. The location in Strasice of this artillery unit which has been mentioned in a previous report [redacted] but the unit is still unidentified. [redacted] Previous information indicates that the name "Jaselsky" which is mentioned in the present report ~~has been~~ the supplementary name of the former 2d Arty Brig in Brandis prior to 1950. At that time, it ~~has been~~ was believed that the artillery brigades disbanded on the occasion of the army reorganization in the fall of 1950. The artillery unit in Strasice has possibly issued from component units of this former brigade.

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2. [redacted] Comment. The installations mentioned in the present report are known. Major Vesely (fnu) is reported for the first time.

3. [redacted] Comment. Lieutenant Colonel Cermak (fnu) has been mentioned in a previous report dating from 1948 as the commander of the then 302d Arty Bn in Stara Boleslav which was subordinate to the 2d Arty Brig in Brandis. [redacted] the former 302d Arty Bn in Stara Boleslav has been reorganized.

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4. [redacted] Comment. The seat of this office is specified for the first time. Its location is still undetermined.

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